

## WHAT'S MY STORY?

### I SAW BRIEF SERVICE IN THE CIVIL WAR.

Brothers Elijah and John Woodward joined the Confederate Army in September 1861 and deserted a few months later. A letter from their commanding officer described the men and their clothing. Elijah, it said, had on a “blue jeans frock coat & black wool hat.” It appears the brothers’ service in the Confederate army might have ended then. Since Kentucky remained loyal to the Union, the two brothers were subject to military duty in the U.S. Army. They were registered for the U.S. draft in July 1863.

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